



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 308

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* ____SB00308JUD__032212__ *

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUSINESS
DATA COLLECTION CENTER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-99d of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) The Commercial Recording Division of the office of the Secretary
5 of the State shall establish an electronic business portal [as a single
6 point of entry for business entities for purposes of business registration
7 pursuant to title 33 or 34] for business registration purposes. Such
8 portal shall provide explanatory information and electronic links
9 provided by state agencies, [and] quasi-public agencies and other
10 entities, including, but not limited to, the Labor Department, the
11 Workers' Compensation Commission, the Departments of Economic
12 and Community Development, Administrative Services, Consumer
13 Protection, Energy and Environmental Protection and Revenue
14 Services, the Connecticut Development Authority, Connecticut
15 Innovations, Incorporated, Connecticut Licensing Info Center, [The]
16 the United States Small Business Administration, the Connecticut
17 Small Business Development Center, the Connecticut Economic
18 Resource Center and the Connecticut Center for Advanced
19 Technology, for the purposes of assisting [such] business entities in

20 determining permitting and licensure requirements, identifying state
21 revenue responsibilities and benefits, and finding available state
22 financial incentives and programs related to such entities' businesses.
23 [The information provided for purposes of business registration with
24 the office of the Secretary of the State may be made available to state
25 agencies and quasi-public agencies for economic development, state
26 revenue collection and statistical purposes as provided by law.]

27 (b) The Secretary of the State shall establish a business data
28 collection center as part of the electronic business portal, established
29 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The business data collection
30 center shall serve as the state's central repository for business and
31 economic-related data. The Secretary shall consult with representatives
32 of state agencies, quasi-public agencies and nongovernmental
33 organizations including, but not limited to, the Commissioner of
34 Economic and Community Development, and the dean of the school of
35 business administration of The University of Connecticut to determine
36 the type and scope of data to be collected. The Secretary shall collect
37 specified data from entities transacting business within the state, state
38 agencies, quasi-public agencies and nongovernmental organizations.
39 The Secretary shall design and prescribe data collection methods and
40 forms. The Secretary may enter into agreements with state agencies,
41 quasi-public agencies and nongovernmental organizations concerning
42 the collection of data through electronic and other means. The
43 Secretary shall compile the collected data and make such data
44 available to the general public and to public and private organizations
45 responsible for aiding and promoting economic development within
46 the state. An entity transacting business within this state, which is
47 requested to supply data to the office of the Secretary of the State
48 pursuant to this subsection, shall supply the requested data in
49 conjunction with the entity's annual filing and reporting requirements
50 to the office of the Secretary of the State.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2012	3-99d
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a), in the second sentence, the phrase "assisting such business entities" was changed to "assisting [such] business entities" for consistency with the changes made in the first sentence.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*